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YOUR DUTY AS A CITIZEN

The editor feels it appropriate, in these controversial times, to point out to readers that they have certain obligations as citizens of the most powerful country in the world, which must be met if the elecorate is to be able to act intelligently. One of the first duties of every citizen is that he make an honest effort to be informed on the issues of the day.

Too often in this community, as in other communities, business men and others interested in material pursuits spend little time trying to acquaint themselves with the true facts involved in the issues of the day. Every citizen should devote some time each day to an honest seach for the accurate news. That news is not necessarily found in editorials, editorial columns or in words of commentators. From these sources one gets opinions, although quite often, news as well.

One should take advantage of these sources of opinion to become acquainted with the various viewpoints but each citizen should form his own opinion concerning the issues of his time.

Therefore, every citizen of this community should make the effort to read some good books regularly, read the news columns of the newspaper, and, occasionally, glance at an atlas or some map which would acquaint him somewhat with the geography of the world. Our community will benefit as a result of these efforts by its citizens.

Courtesy Can Save Lives

Some of the accidents that occur on Appomattox County highways could be avoided by the exercise of good manners on the part of the drivers involved.

The rush to beat other vehicles to the start and to get ahead in a traffic jam often leads cultured people to take advantage of other drivers in a manner that does not reflect proper consideration for others, even in modern traffic snarls.

We think drivers should always bear in mind the possibility that others, like themselves, miscalculate speed and other factors, and sometimes get in a jam through mental error. If we would make an allowance for this possibility we could definitely add to the safety of the highways.

Too often, in driving along the open road, one meets an approaching vehicle which, in passing another proceeding in the same direction, comes dangerously close to causing a colision. It is probably natural to "say something" about such driving without remembering similar occasions when, through an error in judgement, we have done the same thing.

Common everyday courtesy is a good thing for everyday living, and it produces the same desirable results when put into practice while behind the wheel.

Issue of religion wanes in Texas campaign.

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Washington Notes

DAIRY SUPPORT

President Eisenhower has signed a bill raising price supports for butter-fat and milk for manufacturing purposes, though he said it violates the long established policies of his Administration.

Eisenhower said he approved it because this is an election year and "I believe it is my duty this year to avoid, so far as possible any action on my part that would serve to engender intensely partisan political charges and counter-charges in the dairy regions."

MORTON ANALYZES

Senator Thurston B. Morton, chairman of the Republican National Committee, has gone on record as saying that Senators John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson had opposed each other on 238 Senate roll-call votes since 1953. He said that the Democratic ticket "suffers from a bad case of schizoprenia."

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CIGARETTE OUTPUT UP

World cigarette output in 1959 was 2,103,000,000, an increase of 4.2 per cent over that of 1958, the Agriculture Department reports. The United States had the largest gain, although rapid gains were made in Asia and Africa, it adds.

GAS TAX CUT SOUGHT

The National Grange has started a broad campaign to get a reduction in Federal gasoline taxes, contending the levies are particularly hard on farmers.

The farm organization's efforts will be directed at the temporary one cent a gallon increase in the Federal tax due to expire next a broad campaign to get a redussome highway groups to get the increase extended.

AIR FORCE SCORED

The Air Force has been charged by the Senate Small Business Committee with waste and inefficiency. The committee cited the awarding of a defense subcontract to a company inexperienced in the job to be done.

While the cost of the contract under investigation was relatively small - about $2,700,000 - the committee cited it as a "case history" of inefficiency in defense procurement.

One Minute Sport Quiz

1. Who won the Texas-Maryland game?
2. Who won the Michigan State-Pittsburgh game?
3. Who won the Clemson-Wake Forest game?
4. How old is Casey Stengel?
5. When was the last year the Pittsburgh Pirates won the pennant, not counting 1960?

THE ANSWERS

1. Texas, 34-0
2. It was a 7-7-tie.
3. Clemson, 28-7.
4. 78.
5. 1927.

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Management of Tobacco Soil

Now is a good time to give some thought to your flue-cured tobacco rotation and other tobacco soil management practices, says G. R. Mathews, Tobacco Specialist, VPI Agricultural Extension Service.

Using a longer rotation is one of the most important adjustments needed on many tobacco farms. The use of a three or four-year rotation will improve the physical condition of the soil, add some organic matter, give better soil and water conservation, and reduce losses from some diseases.

If you have good fields of Appling, Durham, Granville, Cecil Sandy Loam, or similar type soils on your farm, that are being used for other crops, consider using some of them to lengthen your tobacco rotation, Mathews advises. If one of these fields was in corn in 1960, you can likely grow a good crop of tobacco on it in 1961. A knowledge of the productivity of the field, the depth of top soil, and the organic matter content as shown by a soil test, will need to be used as a guide in deciding on the amount of nitrogen and other fertilizer to use under the tobacco.

Avoid using fields for tobacco that have a PH of above 6.2. A PH range of 5.4 to 5.8 is desirable. Also, it is generally best not to plant tobacco after a legume crop. If it is necessary to do this, the amount of nitrogen used under the tobacco should be reduced.

Some crops recommended for use in the flue-cured tobacco rotation are: small grains, fescue, red top, weeds, and corn. In an eight-year experiment at the Bright Tobacco Research Station at Chatham, Virginia, a rotation of tobacco, wheat, and red top grass led all other rotations in quality of leaf produced. The sequence of crops used in the rotation should not always be the same.

One important fall management practice is to cut down tobacco stalks and plow out the stubble as soon as harvesting is completed. Research has shown that this practice will greatly reduce root-knot nematode problems and increase net income. The cover crop should be seeded early in order to provide good winter cover and plenty of growth to turn under.

On many farms good tobacco land with uniform top soil is hard to find. Very likely poor soil management practices have caused severe soil erosion. If your good tobacco soil is washing away, now is the time to do something about it. See your county agent or SCS technician. They will be happy to assist you in getting a soil test and establishing soil and water conservation practices on this valuable land.

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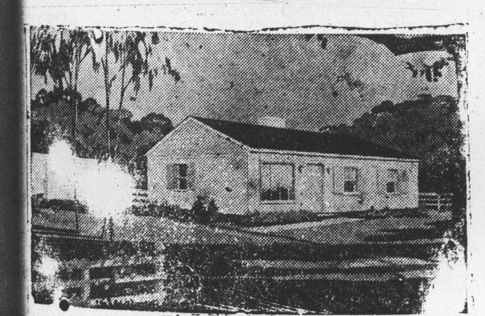

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The 23rd annual Letter Writting Week will be celebratd in Spout Spring, Va. during the week of October 2 to 8, it was announced today by Postmaster Norman H. Jones.

Postmaster Norman H. Jones noted that there has been a revival of personal letter writing during the last few years. "A letter remains the most economical, longest lasting, and sincerest means of extending greetings, communicating social news, and exchanging ideas," the Postmaster said.

During Letter Writing Week, Postmaster Norman H. Jones suggested that individuals write at least two letters: one to a friend or relative from whom you have not heard from in a long time, and the second as a reply to a friend or relative who recently wrote to you. He also urged correspondence to people in other countries as a means of promoting greater understanding among the people of different nations.

The slogan of this year's event, as indicated on more than 200,000 banners, is "Letters are Links to Friendship." The display materials will appear on post office bulletin boards, and rural carrier vehicles, as well as in various schools and libraries.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Charlotte, N. C. - Borrowing Tom Sawyer's fence-painting technique, 11-year-old Philip Wilson cashed in on a bicycle accident that broke both his arms.

With Philip's two gleaming white casts as the come-on, neighborhood buddies set up a lemonade stand. It paid off, too. At 8 cents a cup they netted $7.

You can still make many friends by speaking nicely about people

NOT SO FUNNY!

Muskegon, Mich. - If you don't think tickling can be dangerous, ask Jessie Key, a patient in a Muskegon hospital.

As his wife was about to put a frying pan on the stove, Key tickled her. She threw up her frying pan. Key is in fair condition with a skull fracture.

TRAFFIC JAM

Waterbury, Conn. - A motorist in a line of cars at a drive-in theater balked at paying the admission price.

But he paid, and drove inside. A short time later, he drove out and told the manager that he had no intention of seeing the movie. He had been driving home, got into the wrong line of traffic, and couldn't get out before reaching the drive-in box office.

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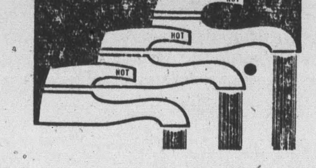

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